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Local Business Capacity Development				
A1	Address fuels project outsourcing and strategies for offsetting costs to include agency consistency in contracting and increasing local business employment opportunities. (Biomass, stewardship contracting) Establish consistent guidance among agencies in contracting procedures and longer contracting periods	High	Fuels Team with DOI/USFS NFP procurement leads	Agencies have exceeded their target of contracting for 50% of project dollars through the use of a variety of procurement action including contracts, agreements, and grants with local contractors, tribes, and non profit organizations. Interagency contracting (National IDIQ), websites, training and guidance at the national, state and local level have increased the number of local contractors available.
Indicators of Success				

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B1	Develop business rules for reporting new performance measures, for consistent reporting of improved condition class from all vegetation manipulation activities within NFPORS, (including, wildlife, timber, range, HFRA, WUI, Biomass, Stewardship)	High	Fuels Team	The DOI established a task group of fuels group members and advisors who reviewed existing performance measures, recommended changes, deletions, and new performance measures with associated business rules. The recommendations will be presented to DOI ASPMB at the end of April.
B1a	Develop business rules for reporting new performance measures (WUI, fuels).	High	Fuels Team Russ/Peter Bedkar	See B1
B1b	Develop briefing paper with recommended business process to be incorporated into NFPORS	High	Fuels Team Russ/Peter Bedkar	See B1
B2	Develop business rules for consistent reporting of improvement in condition class from all vegetation manipulation activities, i.e. HFRA, Stewardship	High	Fuels Team w/ FRCC group Russ/Peter	Completed through the issuing of Non-NFP Reporting guidance, adding the Non-NFP Module to NFPORS. Wrote the Non-NFP business rules. Developed business rules and will submit rules to NFPORS business leads.
B3	Modify NFPORS to include HFRA reporting requirements.	High	NFPORS Team	Completed
B4	Modify NFPORS to include biomass reporting requirements.	Medium	NFPORS Team	Submitted the change request.

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B5	Develop business rules for project and treatment objectives stated in NFPORS.	Medium	Fuels Team	NFPORS captures project and treatment objectives. Modifications have been made to capture primary HRFA objectives.
B6	Modify NFPORS to capture relevant collaboration as defined in HFRA.	Medium	NFPORS User Group	NFPORS captures partners that are involved in planning and implementation of fuels projects and community assistance activities. USFS and DOI have developed and issued a “multiparty monitoring” agreement for HFRA projects.
B7	Fully implement FRCC by 2005 for 2006 projects.	High	FRCC Group and Fuels Team	Completed
Fuels Management Planning				
C1	Fuels team will meet with FPA (Howard Roose) to develop a strategy for implementing fuels management in the FPA process.	Medium	Fuels Team and FPA / Dan Keller & Gardner Feroy	The Fuels team primary members from both the USFS and DOI have identified a new fulltime fuels management specialist from each Department as well as a liaison from the Fuels team to work with the FPA team.
C2	Identify linkages between FPA and FMPs regarding program objectives.	Low	Subset to C1	See C1

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C3	Each agency should define their compliance processes for fire and fuels management planning and implementation. A comparison chart will be developed to display differences across agencies.	Low	Agency planning leads	No action
C4	Define a process for NEPA compliance that interagency fuels and fire management planning will follow under standardized national policy to include project and programmatic levels.	Medium	Agency planning leads	Through CEQ, HFI/HFRA, standards have been developed. No further action required.
C5	Develop a strategy for using NFP HFI/HFRA tools and authorities in landscape-level projects.	Medium	OWFC w/ DOI Solicitors/IG	Agencies worked together to provide common guidance and have transmitted the information using guides and national workshops and teleconferences. Information has been widely distributed. No further action is required.
Landscape Scale Treatments				
D1	Establish national guidance for developing landscape-scale treatments across agency boundaries.	High	WFLC	The Prescribed Fire and Fire Use Implementation Procedures Reference Guides as well as the Cohesive Strategy have been drafted or are final.
D2	Develop a strategy to encourage planning and implementing landscape-scale treatments.	High	WFLC	See D1

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D3	Develop a national protocol for coordination, mobilization and sharing of prescribed fire resources.	High	Fuels Team	A national agreement is currently in place. Provided proposed amendments and an issue briefing paper to Assistant Secretary with recommendations to improve the sharing of prescribed fire resources. Secretary recommendations pending.
Effectiveness Monitoring				
E1	Support development and implementation of fuels management interagency monitoring protocols.	Low	Fuels Team	WFLC has commissioned a group to develop a strategy which is included in module three. Fuels group has financially supported the uniting of Firemon and FEAT.
Fuels Management Staff Development				
F1	Sign the Interagency Fire Program Management Qualifications Guide.	Medium	WFLC	Completed
F1a	Develop an implementation strategy for IFPM.	Medium	Fuels Team w/ Operations, Human Resources, and Fire Training Officers	Completed and received a report identifying the fuels management competencies, qualifications, and training gap analysis which is the initial step in developing a national strategy. The national fuels team will be working with the IFPM task group and the Federal Fire Training Task Group (FFTTG).

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F2	Develop a strategy to modify IFPM and include new fire program management positions.	Medium	Fuels Team	Will submit a request to modify the existing standards.
F3	Identify voids in current training process for prescribed fire and fuels positions to meet IFPM requirements.	Medium	Fuels Team w/ IOS Team	See F1a
F4	Modify existing prescribed fire and fuels positions within IFPM.	Medium	Fuels Team	See F2
F5	Ensure IFPM fuels standards and qualifications are linked in updates to PMS 310-1.	Medium	NWCG - IOS/Fire Use/Training Working teams	Pending action upon completion of F1 PMS 310-1 is one of the many steps in implementing the new fuels management position standards.
Communities at Risk				
G1	Support and collaborate with state and local efforts to categorize impacted communities (High, medium, low) on an interagency collaborative basis.	High	Agencies and cooperators	Implemented/ongoing under 10-Year Comprehensive Strategy Implementation Plan States remain the lead for this action and agencies will continue to provide technical support. NASF has developed and distributed guides for prioritizing communities.

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G2	Continue current emphasis on directing funds to communities that have mitigation plans during the collaborative prioritization process	Medium	Agencies and cooperators	Implemented/ongoing under 10-Year Comprehensive Strategy Implementation Plan and MOUs Collaborative summit attended by both state and federal representatives. Worked with NASF to develop guidelines for community wildfire protection plans. Issued secretarial guidance directing funding to support the development of CWPPs and funding of treatments identified in those CWPPs. States take the lead in the collaborative process.
G4	Use the HFRA web site to include community fire plan template and identify policies, guidance and funding opportunities.	Medium	Fuels Team/ NFP website manager	Currently posting on the NASF website and other websites link appropriately. Completed.
Wildland Fire Use				
H1	Develop interagency guidance for planning and implementing wildland fire use.	High	Fuels Team	Completed with signatures and being printed. Electronic copies will be available on various federal agency wildland fire websites

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H1a	Develop “white paper” for policy to implement NFPORS as the reporting process for all wildland fire use, including business rules.	High	Fuels Team	NFPORS is already in place to accommodate the reporting. Included draft DOI manual and passed to USDA-FS. Review agency business rules to ensure consistency.
H1b	Develop “white paper” for policy to implement management alternatives, procedures and authority for when a suppression fire merges with a wildland fire use fire.	High	Fuels Team	This is an NFAEB discussion topic and no resolution has passed forward. QFFR has addressed this issue and has made proposals to satisfy it.
H1c	Develop “white paper” for policy that defines procedures and authority for changing maximum manageable area during wildland fire use.	High	Fuels Team	Completed pending approval of FSM 5140 and DOI 610 Included in the “Wildland Fire Use Implementation Procedures Guide”
H2a	Define workload, workforce, and minimum standards for fire use.	Medium	Fuels Team, FPA	FPA Phase I addresses staffing needs for the first 18 hours. Phase II will incorporate needs for extended management of WFU. Standards are defined in the “Wildland Fire Use Implementation Procedures Guide”.
H3	Define a strategy for combining WFSA and WFIP into a uniform planning, decision and implementation document.	High	Fuels Team w/ Op WFSA steering committee	WFSA Steering Committee has the lead in addressing this action item. An effort is currently underway to accomplish this task, and is planned to be completed in FY06.

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H4	Review and update current course content to reflect training needs for long duration wildland fire management.	Medium	NWCG IOS/Fire Use/Training Working Teams	S-580 is the primary focus on wildland fire use management but examples and exercise are being incorporated in all wildland fire courses as they come through revision.
H5	Educate internal and external audiences about the risk associated with managing wildland fire use.	Medium	NWCG Wildland Fire Education Working Team	Ongoing with Fire Use Communications Project Messaging project for “Wildland Fire Use” is distributed the 1 st phase of dealing with common themes.
H6	Work with states to develop a policy to use state resources in wildland fire use.	Low	WFLC	This is a geographic area issue to work with their state partners to establish procedures and process to handle resource requests for non-federal resources to respond to appropriate management response. To include state, local, and non-governmental organizations.